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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON LESOTHO COMPLAINT

REF: (A) USUN 1617 (B) STATE 118007

1. SECURITY COUNCIL MET AFTERNOON OF MAY 24 ON LESOTHO COM-

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PLAINT. SYG WALDHEIM PRESENTED REPORT AND MENTIONED JUNE 6TH
"PLEDGING CONFERENCE" FOR THOSE "INTERESTED IN OFFERING AID
TO LESOTHO." (SAME MEETING WILL INCLUDE THOSE WHO ARE
OFFERING ASSISTANCE TO BOTSWANA-SEPTEL.) AMB RAMPHUL OF
MAURITIUS PRESENTED DRAFT RES (TEXT REFTEL A), LESOTHO FONMIN
MOLAPO PRESENTED HIS COUNTRY'S CASE (IN THE COURSE OF
WHICH HE THANKED THE UNITED STATES AND SEVEN OR EIGHT

OTHERS WHO HAD EXPRESSED THEIR INTENTION TO ASSIST LESOTHO FINANCIALLY), AND SIERRA LEONE CHARG'E NICOL, CHAIRMAN OF AFRICAN GROUP FOR MAY, SUPPORTED LESOTHO AND THE RESOLUTION (DETAILS SEPTEL).

2. IN THE MORNING USUN MISOFF HAD TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO CONTACT LESOTHO CHARGE MATHABA. MATHABA STOPPED AT USUN EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THE COUNCIL DEBATE. HE APOLOGIZED FOR THE FACT THAT TIME PRESSURE OF GETTING AFRICAN AND NON-ALIGNED APPROVAL OF DRAFT RESOLUTION ON MONDAY, MAY 23, HAD PRECLUDED CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER SC MEMBERS. 3 MISOFF SAID THAT USUN WAS NOT AT ALL CONCERNED ABOUT LACK OF CONSULTATIONS ON THIS ITEM BUT ONLY WANTED TO ASSURE LESOTHO OF OUR SUPPORT IN GENERAL OF THEIR DIFFICULT POSITION, AND, PENDING CIRCULATION OF THE OFFICIAL TEXT, USG APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION. MATHABA EXPRESSED THANKS AND SAID THAT HE HOPED SC SESSIONS WOULD BE SHORT AND TO THE POINT. HE REGRETTED THAT THE SYG HAD DECIDED TO HOLD THE "PLEDGING CONFERENCE" SO QUICKLY, BECAUSE HE KNEW THAT FEW, IF ANY, STATES, WOULD BE ABLE TO CONFORM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DECISIONS BY JUNE 6TH; THUS HE EXPECTS THE ATTENDANCE OF MANY REPS OF COUNTRIES THAT INTEND TO GIVE AID. HE SAID THAT LESOTHO IS NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THE WORDING OF THE RESOLUTION OR WHETHER AID IS BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL, BUT WILL BE GRATEFUL FOR WHATEVER ASSISTANCE IS OFFERED.

3. RESOLUTION WILL BE ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS AFTERNOON OF MAY 25, AND US WILL GIVE SHORT STATEMENT OF SUPPORT
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